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SUBJECT: IMPLICATIONS ASSESSMENT NIMEIRI REGIME FOR US INTERESTS

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1. KHARTOUM REFTEL FORWARDED COUNTRY TEAM ASSESSMENT
THAT NIMEIRI REGIME REMAINS ABLE TO GOVERN AS EFFECTIVELY
AS IN PAST, JULY 2-3 EVENTS NOTWITHSTANDING.

2. RE PARA THREE STATE REFTEL, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE THAT,
WHENEVER NIMEIRI DOES FALL, ANY SUCCESSOR QUITE LIKELY
WILL FOLLOW FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC POLICIES SIMILAR THOSE
OF CURRENT GOS. IMPERATIVES OF SUDANESE DEVELOPMENT
CANNOT BE ALTERED BY ADVENT NEW REGIME, WHICH WILL
PRESUMABLY WISH MAXIMIZE SUPPORT BY APPEARING RESPONSIVE
THERE TO. ANY SHARP SWING TO LEFT WOULD IN ANY CASE
SIMPLY REPEAT ERRORS OF NIMEIRI'S EARLY 1969-71 PHASE
AND WOULD THUS BE SEEN LOCALLY TO BE BANKRUPT FROM
START. WHILE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BE CATEGORIC IN ABSENCE
PRECISE KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO SUCCESSOR MIGHT BE, MOST
LIKELY REPLACEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE ANOTHER ARMY
OFFICER WHO WOULD RESPOND IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER TO SAME NEEDS AND
PRESSURES AS THOSE FELT BY NIMEIRI. ACCORDINGLY, WE SEE NO A PRIORI
REASON ASSUME THAT CONTINUED DELIBERATE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF US
OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR RELATIONSHIPS HERE WOULD BE
SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY ANY SUCH CHANGE.
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